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DURING FAREWELL CALL ON MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, MINES, AND
PTT MIVEDOR 21 MARCH, I ASKED HIM HOW COMPENSATION NEGOTIATIONS
WITH CTMB FOREIGN SHAREHOLDERS WERE PROCEEDING. (I HAD NOT YET
SEEN REFTEL.) MIVEDOR SAID THEY WERE PROGRESSING VERY WELL,
WITH POSITIONS OF TWO SIDES NOW VERY CLOSE. WHEN I ASKED WHERE
AND HOW NEGOTIATIONS WERE BEING CONDUCTED, HE REPLIED IN PARIS,
WITH EMISSARY CARRYING OFFERS AND REPLIES BACK AND FORTH. HE
DID NOT MENTION ASSOR, AND REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY TO DIRECT
QUESTION WHETHER HE AND FINANCE MINISTER KODJO WERE STILL
RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.
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